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## Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Substantial Amendment to the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and the HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Draft Allocation Plan

The Wichita Falls City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit citizen comment on a Substantial Amendment to the City of Wichita Falls Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan to include the HOME-ARP Action Plan Draft at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday**, **July 19**, **2022** at 8:30 A.M in City Council Chambers, Memorial Auditorium, 1300 7th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. The Substantial Amendment to the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and HOME-ARP Draft Allocation Plan, of the Consolidated Plan 2020-2024, is a document that describes proposed activities that will assist those who are defined as homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or who are fleeing domestic or dating violence or human trafficking.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs the City of Wichita Falls proposes to receive and administer a special allocation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to assist those who are defined as homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or who are fleeing domestic or dating violence or human trafficking. This allocation was authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-7, and it includes a total allocation of \$1,572,080. Proposed activities to be funded are \$157,208 in Administration and Planning, \$700,000 to fund a domestic violence noncongregate shelter project, and \$714,872 unreserved to be used for a non-congregate shelter project or any other eligible project to be determined in a future reallocation of grant funds.

The City Council Subcommittee has recommended the following funding amounts after accessing the HOME-ARP funds:

## **HOME-ARP Program**

<u>City Projects:</u> Grant Program Planning and Administration \$157,208.

<u>Subrecipient Non-Congregate Shelter Project:</u> First Step Emergency Shelter Rehabilitation \$700,000; Unreserved for future program \$714,872.

PY 2021 began on October 1, 2021 and ends on September 30, 2022, but new projects will begin in PY 2022 which begins on October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2023. This Public Hearing seeks input from the local community with particular emphasis on serving persons of low and moderate income. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comment during the July 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. This also serves as a notice of a 30-day citizen comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment to the City of Wichita Falls Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan and the HOME-ARP Draft Allocation Plan that begins July 1, 2022 and ends August 1, 2022. Copies of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available at City Hall/Memorial Auditorium in the Neighborhood Resources Division, Room 300, 1300 7th Street, and on the City's website at https://www.wichitafallstx.gov/161/Neighborhood-Resources. To be considered, written public comments must be received by 8:00 AM on Monday, August 1, 2022 in the Neighborhood Resources Division at the address above. After the City Council conducts the public hearing, the public comment period ends, and the City Council considers final action on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan and the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the City will submit this amended document to the HUD Fort Worth Regional Office on or before August 16, 2022 for review and approval. Memorial Auditorium is handicapped accessible from both the building's front entrance on

Seventh Street and the building's rear entrance adjacent to east and west parking lots off of Sixth Street. Other persons with special needs requiring accommodation should contact the Neighborhood Resources Division at 940-761-7448 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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